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Introduced by M. of A. McMAHON, SEAWRIGHT, SIMON, LUNSFORD, SMULLEN, SHIMSKY, LUCAS, SEPTIMO, KELLES, TAPIA, OTIS, JACOBSON, BORES, DeSTEFANO, SHRESTHA, SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to develop a feasibility study to promote bicyclist and pedestrian access on bridges statewide and to consider the impact of capital projects on bicyclist and pedestrian access

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 543 to read as follows:

3 § 543. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority  
4 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze  
5 ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under  
6 its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

7 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that  
8 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

9 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand  
10 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

11 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and  
12 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, to determine the impact  
13 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments  
14 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for  
15 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

16 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
17 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, the temporary presi-  
18 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, detailing the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 pedestrian bridge access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this  
2 section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the  
3 authority's website.

4 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 593  
5 to read as follows:

6 § 593. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall  
7 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze ways to  
8 improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its  
9 jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

10 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that  
11 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

12 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand  
13 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

14 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and  
15 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, to determine the impact  
16 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments  
17 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for  
18 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

19 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
20 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, the temporary presi-  
21 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, detailing the  
22 pedestrian bridge access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this  
23 section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the  
24 authority's website.

25 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 669  
26 to read as follows:

27 § 669. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority  
28 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze  
29 ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under  
30 its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

31 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that  
32 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

33 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand  
34 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

35 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and  
36 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, to determine the impact  
37 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments  
38 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for  
39 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

40 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
41 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, the temporary presi-  
42 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, detailing the  
43 pedestrian bridge access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this  
44 section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the  
45 authority's website.

46 § 4. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 718  
47 to read as follows:

48 § 718. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall  
49 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve bicycle  
50 and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction. Such  
51 plan shall include but not be limited to:

52 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that  
53 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

54 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand  
55 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

1 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and  
2 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, to determine the impact  
3 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments  
4 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for  
5 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

6 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
7 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, the temporary presi-  
8 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, detailing the  
9 pedestrian bridge access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this  
10 section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the  
11 authority's website.

12 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 390  
13 to read as follows:

14 § 390. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority  
15 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve  
16 bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction.  
17 Such plan shall include but not be limited to:

18 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that  
19 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

20 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand  
21 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

22 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and  
23 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, to determine the impact  
24 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments  
25 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for  
26 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

27 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
28 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, the temporary presi-  
29 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, detailing the  
30 pedestrian bridge access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this  
31 section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the  
32 authority's website.

33 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.